city of 478.9 MW is targetted to be commissioned in Bihar during Seventh Plan period, out of which 220 MW capacity has already been commissioned. Bihar would also get its share from Central Projects in the Eastern Region.

Lignite based power plants

133. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Neyveli Lignite Corporation propose to set up a number of lignite based power plants; and

(b) whether any proposal are under consideration of Government for setting up such plants in lignite rich areas, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited is at present expanding the second thermal power station at Neyveli from 630 MW to 1470 MW. The Corporation has also formulated projects for a third thermal power station of 1500 MW (3x500 MW) and for expansion of the first thermal power station by 2x210 MW.

NLC is being entrusted with the development of an integrated mining-cum-power project based on the lignite deposits of Palana-Barsinghsar in Rajasthan.

Recovery of the difference of fixed and charged drug prices

134. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court upheld the prices fixed by his Department for a number of bulk drugs and formulations in their judgements during 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Court dismissed the submission made by drug companies in regard to undertaking given in Delhi High Court about deposit of difference of amount between the fixed and charged prices;

(c) whether it is also a fact that difference of amount was to be deposited within eight weeks of the decision of upholding of fixed prices;

(d) if so, whether the amount due from each company has since been recovered;

(e) if so, the details of amount recovered from each company; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) by when the total amount will be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) Action to recover the amounts, wherever due, has been taken as per due process of law.

Cases regarding drug price fixation orders

135. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cases pending in various courts in regard to price fixation orders of bulk drugs and formulations giving the names of drugs/formulations, drug companies and High Courts;

(b) since when each case has been pending;

(c) whether any case has been disposed of during 1987;

(d) if so, what are the details of each case along with the decision;

(e) what are the details of action taken on each decision;

(f) whether it is a fact that in most of the cases the courts have upheld the prices fixed by his Ministry;

(g) if so, whether those prices have been implemented by drug companies; and

(h) if not, what are the reasons for this delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) The required information is given in the attached statement [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 23].

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) and (h) Necessary steps, as per due process of Law, have been taken to ensure compliance.

Import of Rifampicin

136. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total quantity for which Drug companies applied for registration for the import of Rifampicin during 1986 and 1987 upto 30th April;

(b) whether it is a fact that the import of Rifampicin is allowed under OGL;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is not allowing the import of Rifampicin even against export orders for Rifampicin formulation;

(d) if so, whether any such request has been turned down by his Ministry; and

(e) if so, what are the details regarding the provisions of the Import policy under which the requests were turned down?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) To the extent details are available in this office regarding the quantities of Rifampicin for which companies sought registration during 1986 and 1987 are as follows:

1986 (1-1-86 to 31-12-86)— 47,815 kgs.

1987 (1-1-87 to 30-4-87)— 850 kgs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Discontinuing certain provision of DPCO

137. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to discontinue paragraphs 4, 7 and 17 of the Drugs Prices Control, Order, 1979;

(b) whether it is a fact that paragraph 4 of DPCO, 1979 safeguards the interests of drug producers who make heavy investment at different times;

(c) what was the purpose under which each of these paragraphs was incorporated in the Drug Price Control Order, 1979;

(d) what are the details of provisions proposed in the new measures to replace each of these paragraphs mentioned in DPCO, 1979; and

(e) what are the detailed reasons to discontinue these paragraphs and the basis of proposed provisions to replace them?

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